

November 13, 2003

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Dalton Floyd, Chair, and Members,
Commission on Higher Education

From: Ms. Susan Cole, Chair, and Members,
Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services

2002-03 Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

The Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Program is a merit-based scholarship program designed to recognize the most academically talented high school seniors in S.C. and encourage them to attend college in the State. During the 2002-03 academic year, each Palmetto Fellow could receive a scholarship of up to \$6,700 per year for a maximum of eight terms. The scholarship must be applied towards the cost-of-attendance to pursue the first baccalaureate degree at a participating senior institution in the State.

In order to be eligible to apply for a Palmetto Fellows Scholarship, a student must meet the following minimum academic requirements: (1) score at least 1200 on the SAT or 27 on the ACT; (2) earn a 3.5 cumulative GPA on the Uniform Grading Scale through the end of the junior year; and (3) rank in the top five percent of the class at the end of either the sophomore or the junior year. For the 2003 cohort of first-time entering freshmen, the Commission on Higher Education received 1377 applications. 1133 new scholarships were awarded to students with an average SAT score of 1300 (ACT scores were converted to SAT).

For the 2002-03 academic year, \$19.1 million was disbursed to 2985 Palmetto Fellows as of August 31, 2003. This is an 11% increase in the number of students awarded compared with 2001-02. The following pages provide detailed reports to include: number of Palmetto Fellows awarded and amount disbursed per institution; recipients by ethnic group; recipients by gender; recipients by student level; retention statistics; 2002-03 Palmetto Fellows by county of origin; and, 2003 first-time entering Palmetto Fellows by county of origin. These reports may also be found at the Commission's website at www.che.sc.gov.

South Carolina Commission on Higher Education
Academic Year: 2002-03
Scholarship Type: Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

Date: 09/03/2003

| | Revised Fall 2002 | | Revised Spring 2003 | | Winter 2002/ Summer 2003* | | Total for Academic Year | |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|------------------------------|---------|-------------------------|------------|
| | Number | Amount | Number | Amount | Number | Amount | Number** | Amount |
| Public Senior Institutions | | | | | | | | |
| The Citadel | 19 | \$44,955 | 18 | \$45,805 | | | 19 | 90,760 |
| Clemson Univ. | 1,014 | 3,381,549 | 996 | 3,314,889 | 20 | 67,000 | 1,059 | 6,763,438 |
| Coastal Carolina University | 15 | 50,250 | 15 | 50,250 | | | 15 | 100,500 |
| College of Charleston | 310 | 1,031,500 | 303 | 1,007,751 | | | 312 | 2,039,251 |
| Francis Marion University | 42 | 139,165 | 41 | 135,816 | | | 42 | 274,981 |
| Lander University | 24 | 76,005 | 23 | 72,655 | | | 24 | 148,660 |
| South Carolina State Univ. | 3 | 10,050 | 3 | 10,050 | | | 3 | 20,100 |
| U.S.C. - Columbia | 719 | 2,312,590 | 707 | 2,263,713 | | | 725 | 4,576,303 |
| U.S.C. - Aiken | 20 | 66,006 | 15 | 50,019 | | | 20 | 116,024 |
| U.S.C. - Beaufort | | | | | | | | |
| U.S.C. - Spartanburg | 33 | 107,133 | 32 | 103,783 | | | 33 | 210,916 |
| Winthrop University | 123 | 392,304 | 121 | 385,015 | | | 124 | 777,319 |
| Medical University of S.C. | 10 | 33,500 | 10 | 33,500 | | | 10 | 67,000 |
| Subtotal | 2,332 | 7,645,007 | 2,284 | 7,473,246 | 20 | 67,000 | 2,386 | 15,185,252 |
| Independent Senior Institutions | | | | | | | | |
| Allen University | | | | | | | | |
| Anderson College | 23 | 80,400 | 21 | 70,350 | | | 23 | 150,750 |
| Benedict College | | | | | | | | |
| Bob Jones University | | | | | | | | |
| Charleston Southern Univ. | | | 15 | 50,250 | | | 15 | 50,250 |
| Claflin University | 1 | 3,350 | 1 | 3,350 | | | 1 | 6,700 |
| Coker College | 7 | 23,450 | 7 | 23,450 | | | 7 | 46,900 |
| Columbia College | 14 | 46,900 | 14 | 46,900 | | | 14 | 93,800 |
| Columbia International Univ | 4 | 13,400 | 4 | 13,400 | | | 4 | 26,800 |
| Converse College | 22 | 68,435 | 21 | 67,615 | | | 22 | 136,050 |
| Erskine College | 38 | 127,300 | 36 | 120,600 | | | 38 | 247,900 |
| Furman Univ | 248 | 623,224 | 247 | 620,464 | 246 | 410,208 | 249 | 1,653,896 |
| Johnson and Wales Univ | | | | | | | | |
| Limestone College | 1 | 3,350 | 1 | 3,350 | | | 1 | 6,700 |
| Morris College | | | | | | | | |
| Newberry College | 6 | 20,100 | 6 | 20,100 | | | 6 | 40,200 |
| North Greenville College | 25 | 83,750 | 24 | 80,400 | | | 25 | 164,150 |
| Presbyterian College | 66 | 221,100 | 62 | 207,700 | | | 66 | 428,800 |
| Southern Wesleyan Univ | 4 | 13,400 | 4 | 13,400 | | | 4 | 26,800 |
| Voorhees College | | | | | | | | |
| Wofford College | 124 | 414,216 | 123 | 410,865 | | | 124 | 825,081 |
| Subtotal | 583 | 1,742,375 | 586 | 1,752,194 | 246 | 410,208 | 599 | 3,904,777 |
| TOTAL ALL INSTITUTIONS | 2,915 | 9,387,382 | 2,870 | 9,225,440 | 266 | 477,208 | 2,985 | 19,090,029 |

*Furman - Winter Term, Clemson - Summer

** Unduplicated headcount for the academic year

| Fall 2002 Palmetto Fellows by Ethnic Group | | |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| American Indian/Alaskan Native | 7 | .3% |
| Asian/Pacific Islander | 77 | 2.6% |
| Black/African American | 77 | 2.6% |
| Hispanic | 13 | .5% |
| White/Non-Hispanic | 2,659 | 91.2% |
| Unknown | 82 | 2.8% |
| TOTAL | 2,915 | 100% |

| Fall 2002 Palmetto Fellows by Gender | | |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Men | 1,075 | 36.9% |
| Women | 1,828 | 62.7% |
| Unknown | 12 | .4% |
| TOTAL | 2,915 | 100% |

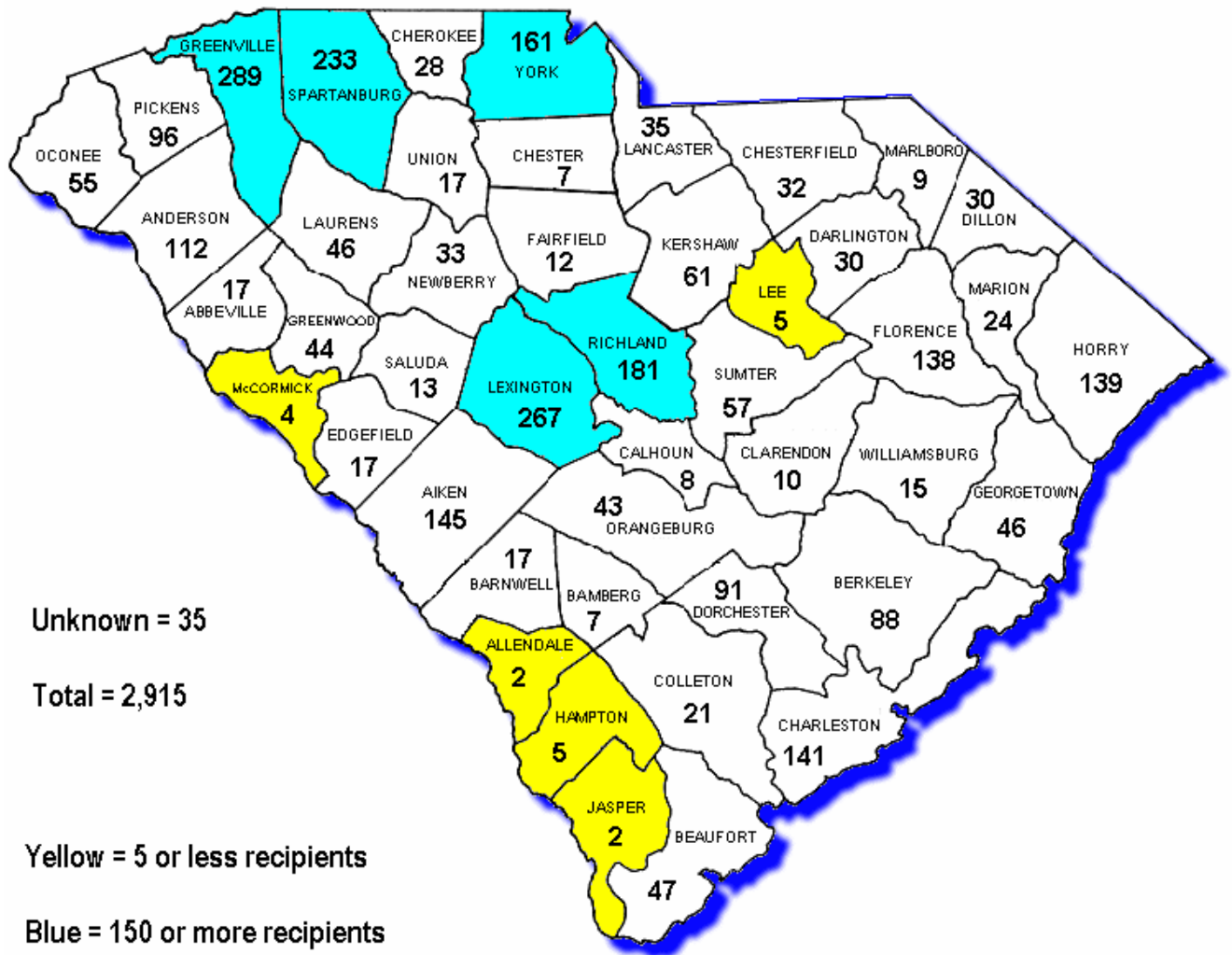
Fall 2002 Palmetto Fellows by Student Level

| Student Level | Public Senior | Independent Senior | TOTAL |
|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Freshmen | 764 | 230 | 994 |
| Sophomores | 456 | 118 | 574 |
| Juniors | 512 | 128 | 640 |
| Seniors | 587 | 95 | 682 |
| First Professional | 11 | 0 | 11 |
| Graduate (Masters) | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Not Reported | 0 | 12 | 12 |
| TOTAL | 2,332 | 583 | 2,915 |

Fall 2001 Palmetto Fellows Scholarships Retaining the Scholarship in Fall 2002

| | Retained at Same Institution | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Institution | Freshman | Sophomore | Junior | Total |
| Public Senior | 89.9% | 89.3% | 88.0% | 89.0% |
| Independent Senior | 88.2% | 89.2% | 91.6% | 89.4% |
| Subtotal | 89.5% | 89.2% | 88.5% | 89.1% |
| Including students who transferred from originating institution to another institution in the State and retained the scholarship. Grand Total: | 91.2% | 90.3% | 89.3% | 90.3% |

2002-03 Palmetto Fellows by County of Origin



2003-04 First-time Entering Fellows by County of Origin

